

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Greef, on January 6, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Edward Greef, Chair (R)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)  
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)  
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)  
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)  
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)  
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch  
Noah Horan, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:** Organizational Meeting

00:01:57 Chair Greef

**EXHIBIT**(loh02a01)

**Discussion:**

00:02:53 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
 00:02:57 Rep. Swanson  
 00:03:22 Rep. Kelker  
 00:03:30 Rep. Berry  
 00:03:42 Chair Greef  
 00:03:58 Rep. Ricci  
 00:04:06 Rep. Pope  
 00:04:18 Rep. Zolnikov  
 00:04:27 Rep. Custer  
 00:04:47 Rep. Richmond  
 00:05:16 Rep. Funk  
 00:05:35 Rep. Lamm  
 00:05:45 Rep. Hayman  
 00:05:58 Rep. Wilson  
 00:06:24 Rep. Mandeville  
 00:06:35 Rep. Lavin  
 00:06:49 Rep. McConnell  
 00:07:00 Rep. Steenberg  
 00:07:11 Rep. Schwaderer  
 00:07:36 Rep. Garner  
 00:08:11 Noah Horan, Committee Secretary  
 00:08:29 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
 00:08:42 Chair Greef  
 00:09:26 Ginger Aldrich, LSD  
 00:09:51 Chair Greef

**EXHIBIT**(loh02a02)

**Discussion:**

00:15:49 Rep. Garner  
 00:16:03 Chair Greef  
 00:16:38 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
 00:16:58 Chair Greef  
 00:17:01 Rep. Swanson  
 00:17:33 Chair Greef

00:18:11 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that proxy votes be allowed in committee.  
 Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:18:45 Chair Greef  
 00:18:59 Ginger Aldrich, LSD  
 00:19:15 Chair Greef  
 00:19:56 Rep. Berry  
 00:20:19 Chair Greef  
 00:20:23 Rep. Richmond  
 00:21:16 Chair Greef  
 00:21:20 Rep. Schwaderer

00:21:50 Chair Greef  
00:21:55 Rep. Custer  
00:22:36 Chair Greef

00:22:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that informational witnesses be allowed to testify in committee. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:23:09 Chair Greef  
00:23:32 Ginger Aldrich, LSD  
00:25:24 Rep. Garner  
00:25:49 Ginger Aldrich, LSD  
00:25:56 Chair Greef  
00:26:00 Rep. Wilson  
00:26:28 Ginger Aldrich, LSD  
00:26:45 Chair Greef

00:26:57 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that amendments be provided to staff at least twenty-four hours before executive action. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:27:20 Chair Greef  
[EXHIBIT\(lah02a03\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:29:00 Rep. Hayman  
00:29:08 Chair Greef  
00:29:11 Rep. Hayman  
00:29:30 Chair Greef  
00:29:54 Rep. Hayman  
00:29:57 Chair Greef  
00:30:05 Rep. Hayman  
00:30:12 Chair Greef  
00:30:16 Rep. Pope  
00:30:34 Chair Greef  
00:30:51 Rep. Berry  
00:31:18 Chair Greef  
00:34:30 Rep. Berry  
00:34:49 Chair Greef  
00:35:02 Rep. Garner  
00:35:13 Chair Greef  
00:35:26 Ginger Aldrich, LSD  
00:35:34 Chair Greef  
00:36:29 Rep. Berry  
00:36:58 Rep. Swanson  
00:37:53 Chair Greef  
00:37:56 Rep. Custer  
00:38:07 Chair Greef  
00:38:13 Rep. Garner  
00:38:37 Chair Greef  
00:39:29 Rep. Aldrich

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00:39:44 Chair Greef  
00:40:50 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:41:39 Chair Greef  
00:41:48 Shantil Siaperas, MACo  
00:41:59 Chair Greef  
00:42:04 John MacDonald, City of Missoula  
00:42:48 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)  
00:43:30 Jack Walsh, Montana Building Industry Association; Government Affairs  
Director, Helena Building Industry Association (HBIA)  
00:44:13 Derf Johnson, Program Director/Staff Attorney, Montana Environmental  
Information Center (MEIC)  
00:44:51 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)  
00:45:44 Elena Evans, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)  
00:46:39 Becky Berger, Committee Secretary Supervisor, Montana House of  
Representatives  
00:47:03 Chair Greef  
00:47:27 Rep. Swanson  
00:48:06 Chair Greef  
00:48:17 Ginger Aldrich, LSD  
00:56:43 Chair Greef  
00:56:46 Rep. Hayman  
00:56:58 Chair Greef  
00:57:18 Ginger Aldrich, LSD  
00:57:28 Chair Greef

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:58:25

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Noah Horan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([loh02aad.pdf](#))